

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on January 27, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 74, HB 269, HB 272, HB 273,

Executive Action: None

00:00:03 Call to Order
(Rep. Hands arrived.)

HEARING ON SB 74

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:39 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on
SB 74, Revise fire chief duties.

(Rep. Grinde arrived, Rep. Sands left.)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:29 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:10:19 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner
00:11:01 Bob Drake, Montana Fire Chiefs Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

(Rep. MacLaren arrived.)

00:11:26 Rep. Reinhart
00:12:06 Mr. Blattie
00:12:41 Rep. Reinhart
00:12:50 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:10 Sen. Laible

HEARING ON HB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:11 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on
HB 269, Revise monetary credit for jail service.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:19 David Castle, Sheriff, Cascade County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:09 Rep. Driscoll
00:20:35 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:20:47 Mr. Castle
00:21:43 Rep. MacLaren
00:22:14 Mr. Castle
00:23:06 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:23:28 Mr. Castle

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:19 Rep. Mehlhoff

HEARING ON HB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:19 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on
HB 272, Revise costs related to county sheriff's
office.

Proponents' Testimony:

(Rep. Sands returned.)

00:29:57 David Castle, Sheriff, Cascade County
00:33:02 Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association

(Rep. Menahan arrived.)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:55 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:39:50 Keith Stapley, Claims Administrator, Montana
Association of Counties
00:44:18 Cynthia Johnson, Commissioner, Pondera County
00:44:59 Mike McGinley, Commissioner, Beaverhead County

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:37 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:48:14 Mr. Castle
00:48:50 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:48:59 Mr. Castle
00:51:36 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:51:46 Mr. Castle

00:51:51 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:52:14 Mr. Castle
00:53:40 Rep. Reinhart
00:53:54 Mr. Castle
00:54:15 Rep. Reinhart
00:54:32 Mr. Castle
00:56:09 Rep. Bennett
00:56:30 Mr. Stapley
00:57:08 Rep. Bennett
00:57:48 Mr. Castle
00:58:14 Rep. Hands
00:58:22 Rep. O'Hara
00:58:24 Rep. Hands
00:58:42 Rep. O'Hara
00:59:04 Rep. Hands
00:59:46 Mr. Stapley
01:00:52 Rep. Ebinger
01:01:22 Rep. O'Hara
01:01:36 Rep. Ebinger
01:01:53 Mr. Castle
01:02:07 Rep. Ebinger
01:02:14 Chairwoman Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:25 Rep. O'Hara

HEARING ON HB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:20 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on
HB 273, Revise costs related to search and rescue.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:11 C.B. Corneliuson, Undersheriff, Cascade County
01:07:12 Mike Allen, Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue
01:10:05 Mike McGinley, Commissioner, Beaverhead County
01:11:35 Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers
Association
01:12:45 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:14:06 Steve Knecht, Interim Administrator, Disaster and
Emergency Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

(Rep. Stahl arrived.)

01:14:38 Rep. Ebinger
01:15:02 Rep. O'Hara
01:15:25 Mr. Allen
01:16:19 Rep. Ebinger
01:16:59 Rep. Bennett
01:17:35 Mr. Allen
01:18:37 Rep. Bennett
01:18:57 Mr. Allen
01:20:05 Rep. Ingraham
01:20:20 Mr. Knecht
01:21:37 Rep. Ingraham
01:22:13 Mr. Knecht
01:24:24 Chairwoman Arntzen
01:25:00 Rep. Hamilton
01:25:14 Mr. Knecht
01:25:19 Rep. More
01:25:51 Mr. Allen
01:26:18 Chairwoman Arntzen
01:26:34 Mr. Allen
01:26:42 Rep. Reinhart
01:27:03 Mr. Knecht
01:27:18 Rep. Reinhart
01:27:30 Mr. Allen
01:29:07 Rep. Reinhart
01:29:28 Mr. Allen
01:30:26 Rep. Reinhart
01:30:37 Mr. Allen
01:30:45 Rep. Berry
01:31:01 Rep. Ingraham
01:32:01 Mr. Allen
01:33:42 Chairwoman Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:48 Rep. O'Hara
01:34:32 Chairwoman Arntzen
01:35:27 Rep. Ingraham

ADJOURNMENT

01:35:39 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([loh19aad.pdf](#))